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1. FOLLOWING IS ROUNDUP OF SOME INTERESTING COMMENTS
MISSION HAS HEARD LOCALLY RE P/C ISSUE.

2. JAPANESE DELEGATION'S ENERGY ADVISER HAS INFORMED
MISSION JAPAN WILL SEEK SEAT ON EACH OF FOUR
COMMISSIONS AND WISHES HOLD ONE OF COMMISSIONS'
CO-CHAIRMANSHIP POSITIONS.

3. AUSTRIAN OECD REP BOBLETER RECENTLY INFORMED US
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AUSTRIA, IN ADDITION TO SEEKING SEAT AT CONFERENCE,

WILL FORMALLY PROPOSE VIENNA AS SITE OF CONFERENCE. HE SAID FORMAL DEMARCHE TO THIS EFFECT WOULD BE MADE IN IEA CAPITALS. AUSTRIAN DEL ENERGY ADVISER INFORMS US DECISION TO SEEK SEAT AT CONFERENCE WAS PERSONAL DECISION OF KREISKY, AGAINST ADVICE OF HIS PRINCIPAL ADVISERS. SOME OF OTHER DELS HERE QUESTION WHETHER POSITION MIGHT BE AFFECTED BY UPCOMING AUSTRIAN ELECTIONS.

(NOTE: WE ASSUME DEPARTMENT MAY ALREADY HAVE RECEIVED ABOVE INFO THROUGH DEMARCHES IN WASHINGTON AND PASS IT ON SIMPLY FOR WHAT IT MAY BE WORTH. AUSTRIAN BID FOR VIENNA AS SITE OF COURSE WOULD FACILITATE ACHIEVEMENT OF U.S. PROCEDURAL OBJECTIVES OUTLINED REFTEL A.)

4. GRAPEVINE RUMORS HERE ALSO HOLD THAT: FRANCE ENCOURAGED GREECE TO MAKE RECENT BID FOR SEAT AT CONFERENCE; TURKS HAVE HELD BACK FROM FORMALLY MAKING DEMARCHE RE PARTICIPATION (DESPITE FACT THAT SEVERAL MONTHS AGO AT GB THEY MADE CLEAR THEIR WISH TO PARTICIPATE) BECAUSE OF THEIR DESIRE, IN LIGHT OF GREEK DEMARCHE, TO AVOID FACING ALLIES WITH DIFFICULT CHOICE OVER GREEK-TURKISH ISSUE. TURKISH COUNSELOR HAS INFORMED US, HOWEVER, THAT GOT BELIEVES GREEKS ACTED IN BAD FAITH IN PRESSING FOR PARTICIPATION AND VIOLATED "GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT" (SIC) WHICH BOTH GREECE AND TURKEY REPORTEDLY HAVE RE PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND ORGANIZATIONS.

5. CANADIAN DEL INFORMS US THAT BRAZILIANS HAVE TOLD THEM GROUP OF 77 HAS REACHED AGREEMENT THAT PRODUCER/LDC PARTICIPATION AT MINISTERIAL WILL BE DECIDED ON BASIS GEOGRAPHICAL REPRESENTATION. (LATIN AMERICA, AFRICA, ASIA). EACH OF THESE AREAS WILL BE ALLOWED FOUR ADDITIONAL SEATS AT MINISTERIAL IN ADDITION TO PRODUCER/ LDC SEATS ALREADY HELD BY THESE AREAS AT PREPCON. CANADIAN DEL POINTED OUT THAT IF THIS BECOMES FORMAL 77 WORKING HYPOTHESIS IT MAY BECOME DIFFICULT TO ENSURE THAT THERE ARE A MINIMUM 8 OPEC AT CONFERENCE, AS IEA PREVIOUSLY HAD INSISTED UPON.

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6. CANADIAN DEL ALSO INFORMS US FRENCH HAVE SAID THAT RESPONSES BY SOME OF INVITEES TO FRENCH PREPCON II INVITATIONS HAVE STIPULATED CERTAIN (UNSPECIFIED) REVISIONS TO AIDE MEMOIRE, AND THAT THIS IS CREATING CERTAIN "TEMPORARY DIFFICULTIES."
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